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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 58

Provision for Blood Transfusion in General, Station,
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SECTION I. PROVISION FOR BLOOD TRANSFUSION IN GENERAL, STATION,
EVACUATION AND FIELD HOSPITALS

1. Par 1, Sec III, Circular Letter No. 80, Off Ch Surg, "Administrative Policies Pertaining to Professional Care", 10 June 1944, is rescinded.
2. Facilities will be maintained in all General, Station, Evacuation and Field hospitals for procurement, short-period storage, and administration of whole blood.
3. Donors: General, Station, Evacuation and Field hospitals will use their own personnel and that of nearby troops as a donor panel. Suitable convalescent patients may also be used. Blood groups of hospital personnel will be checked and a sufficient number of donors kept available for emergency. Individuals bled for the purpose of transfusion will be paid ten (10) dollars, in accordance with the provisions of AR 40-1715.
4. Equipment: Equipment and expendable supplies required for transfusion will be obtained through normal medical supply channels. The following items are needed, if not already available:
 - a. Transfusion sets, consisting of donor set, recipient set and bottle containing citrate. There are a considerable number of a non-standard assembly on hand which are recommended for use:
Item N-3009 - Blood Transfusion Set, Indirect, Multiple, Whole Blood, US Type.
- This set consists of a wooden box containing nine 1,000 cc Baxter bottles with dextrose-citrate-salt solution, nine recipient sets complete with needles and tubing and one donor set complete with needles and tubing. The bottles can be discarded after use, but the recipient sets and donor sets will be cleaned and re-used.
- b. Item 36092, Apparatus, Blood Transfusion, Indirect, Complete: Consists of one donor set, two recipient sets, twelve 600 cc vacuum bottles, each containing 50 cc sodium citrate 4%.

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c. The following items, which are components of the complete blood transfusion apparatus, may be requisitioned separately to replace items consumed:

3609300	3609900
3609400	3610000
3609500	3610100
3609600	3610200
3609700	3610300
3609800	3610400

1430700

Consult Medical Department Supply Catalog for complete description of the above items.

d. A limited supply of Item 9351520 (expendable recipient sets) is available for distribution. These sets are used once and discarded.

SECTION II. SUSPENSIONS

1. Information has been received in this office that distilled water, lot number GC 2448, which is a component of item number 1608900, Plasma, Normal Human, Dried, 250 cc, manufactured by Parke Davis and Company, may be unsatisfactory for use. Plasma lot numbers containing this distilled water are listed below:

RX 1571-315 C	RX 1573-315 W	RX 1577-317 C
RX 1571-315 D	RX 1573-315 X	RX 1577-317 D
RX 1571-315 E	RX 1573-315 Y	RX 1577-317 E
RX 1571-315 F	RX 1573-315 Z	RX 1577-317 F
RX 1571-315 G	RX 1573-315 AB	RX 1578-280 AG
RX 1571-315 H	RX 1576-316 T	RX 1578-280 AH
RX 1572-315 K	RX 1576-316 U	RX 1578-280 AK
RX 1572-315 L	RX 1576-316 V	RX 1578-280 AL
RX 1572-315 M	RX 1576-316 W	RX 1578-280 AM
RX 1572-315 N	RX 1576-316 X	RX 1578-317 G
RX 1572-315 O	RX 1576-316 Y	RX 1578-317 H
RX 1572-315 P	RX 1576-316 Z	RX 1578-317 K
RX 1572-315 R	RX 1576-316 AB	RX 1579-317 L
RX 1572-315 S	RX 1577-316 AC	RX 1579-317 M
RX 1573-315 T	RX 1577-316 AD	RX 1579-317 N
RX 1573-315 U	RX 1577-317 A	RX 1599-323 M
RX 1573-315 V	RX 1577-317 B	RX 1599-323 N

2. All Medical installations will withhold from issue and administration all quantities of these lot numbers on hand until further advised by this office. At this time Medical depots will not break original packages to locate this plasma but will instead check for these lot numbers prior to issuing to using units. It is emphasized that the distilled water bearing lot GC 2448 is under question and not the plasma itself.

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SECTION III. ITEM 1292000, METYCAINE, HYDROCHLORIDE, 100 AMPULES

All Medical installations will take immediate action to return to the nearest medical supply depot all quantities on hand of item 1292000, Metycaine Hydrochloride, 100 ampules. Depots will freeze all stocks on hand or received from units and submit a report to this office by 1 August 1945 of the total quantity frozen.

SECTION IV. AMENDMENT TO AND RESCISSION OF CURRENT DIRECTIVES

1. Par 3, Administrative Memorandum No. 102, Off Ch Surg, "Preparation and Submission of Medical Department Reports", 3 July 1944, is rescinded.

2. Par 1a, Circular Letter No. 79, Off Ch Surg, "Preparation and Submission of Medical Department Reports and Records on Allied Personnel in U.S. Army Hospitals", 9 June 1944, is rescinded.

3. Par 6c (1), Circular Letter No. 20, Off Ch Surg, "The Treatment of Syphilis", 27 February 1945, is rescinded.

4. So much of pars 2f and 3e, Sec I, Circular Letter No. 24, Off Ch Surg, "Dental Reports and Returns", 20 March 1945, as reads "Secret" is amended to read "Restricted".

5. The following directives, Off Ch Surg, are rescinded:

a. Administrative Memorandum No. 24, "Technical Training of Medical Department", 23 February 1944.

b. Circular Letter No. 81, "Treatment of Gas Casualties", 14 May 1943.

c. Circular Letter No. 25 (Dental No. 3), "Disposal of MD Forms No. 79", 17 February 1944. (See Circular No. 60, Hq ETOUSA, 16 May 1945).

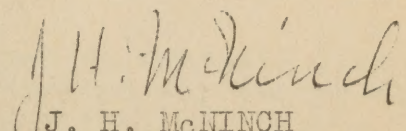
d. Circular Letter No. 44, "Recreational Facilities Available Through the British Ministry of Information", 20 March 1944.

e. Circular Letter No. 94, "Amendments to Cir Ltr #20, 2 Feb 1944, and Cir Ltr #79, 9 June 1944", 4 July 1944.

f. Sec II, Circular Letter No. 136, "Penicillin", 21 November 1944.

g. Circular Letter No. 14, "ETO Medical Controlled Items", 13 February 1945.

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